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RUSSIA'S TREATY WITH CHINA.

After years of diplomatic efforts, Russia now seems in a fair way to obtain a foothold on the Chinese coast that will not only give a winter harbor but also the control of a large portion of northern China. This pleasant turn of affairs in Russia's favor is believed to have been brought about by the recent treaty with China, the full terms of which have not been given to the public, although certain pointed conclusions drawn by correspondents have not been denied. Recent London telegrams to American papers have intimated that the London press for some time past has sought to educate the British mind to take a philosophical view of Russia's aggression in Manchuria, preparatory to the announcement which may follow that Russia has gained its point in the Orient.

Advices now come from Hong Kong to the effect that the treaty as published in Shanghai is denied at St. Petersburg, and it is asserted that "the railway scheme is confined to the building of a short Chinese railway in Manchuria, connecting with West Siberia and the Vladivostok lines." The Hong Kong Weekly Press, however, is inclined to look upon this denial as dirt thrown in the eyes of the public so that it will not appreciate the full force of the victory, for Russia "is well aware that the Cassini convention confers on her great privileges and powers which if judiciously utilized will preserve for her a preponderating influence at Peking, by enabling her to secure a grip upon Manchuria from which she cannot readily be dislodged." The projected railways are characterized as relatively short when compared to the great trunk line of the Trans-Siberian railway, but they cover considerable distances and would not ordinarily be called short. "By this instrument China has virtually placed Manchuria at the disposal of the power she has always most dreaded. Peking itself will be at the mercy of Russia so soon as the railways are completed, and the Chinese Government will, in all probability, ultimately become as much amenable to Russian pressure as the Shah of Persia."

It is not probable that the Hong Kong Press exaggerates the new power Russia has gained by this diplomatic stroke, but after all has been said for and against the Muscovite policy there seems to be no good reason why Russia should be forever barred from an outlet on the Pacific. Admitting that this treaty will be the first step toward the disruption of the Chinese Empire, it would be next to impossible for Russia to place any portion of the Empire under any worse political conditions than exist today. China must sooner or later open its doors to commerce and civilization, and if the Muscovite is the active agent in forcing the way, the world can afford to deal leniently with him.

It now appears that one of the main objects for forming the Republic of Central America was to secure the completion of the Nicaragua canal. The wisdom of this confederation is now emphasized by the discovery that Colombia, aided by some indefinite foreign power, seeks to possess the Coru Islands and the Mosquito coast and thus obtain control of the Central American canal projects. Representatives of the Central American Republic are urging upon members of the United States Congress the desirability of prompt action if the United States has serious intentions of having a hand in the

commercial development of the isthmus. The United States is notably slow to act except when attacked, and it may come to pass that the greed of Colombia may waken some of the American lawmakers from their indifferent slumber and bring about legislation that will assure the construction of the canal and its control by North American States, of which the United States will be the leading power.

The San Francisco Chronicle of December 30 publishes a story that Senator Perkins will not have a walk over in his election to the United States Senate, having a strong opponent in James A. Waymire. Differences have arisen between the Senator and Mr. Waymire on account of the endorsement of Hon. Horace Davis as a possible California candidate for the McKinley cabinet. The latter and his friends feel that they have been dealt with unfairly, and consequently are in the fight to stay. Senator Perkins' principal danger seems to be in possible failure of re-election on the first ballot. Many representatives are pledged to remain with him on the first ballot, but should a second be required they are free to go over to another. It seems hardly possible that after so many years in politics Mr. Perkins can be defeated on this occasion, when his re-election seems to be a matter of critical importance to some California interests.

Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, now one of the members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has announced his intention to go to Cuba and look over the situation there for himself. The newspapers say he will seek an interview with General Weyler and will spend a week or ten days on the island. Mr. Money's scheme is no doubt a good one, but we venture that the view of the situation he will obtain in a week or ten days will not amount to very much. He will either learn enough to discover how little he knows, or else return with the idea that he knows

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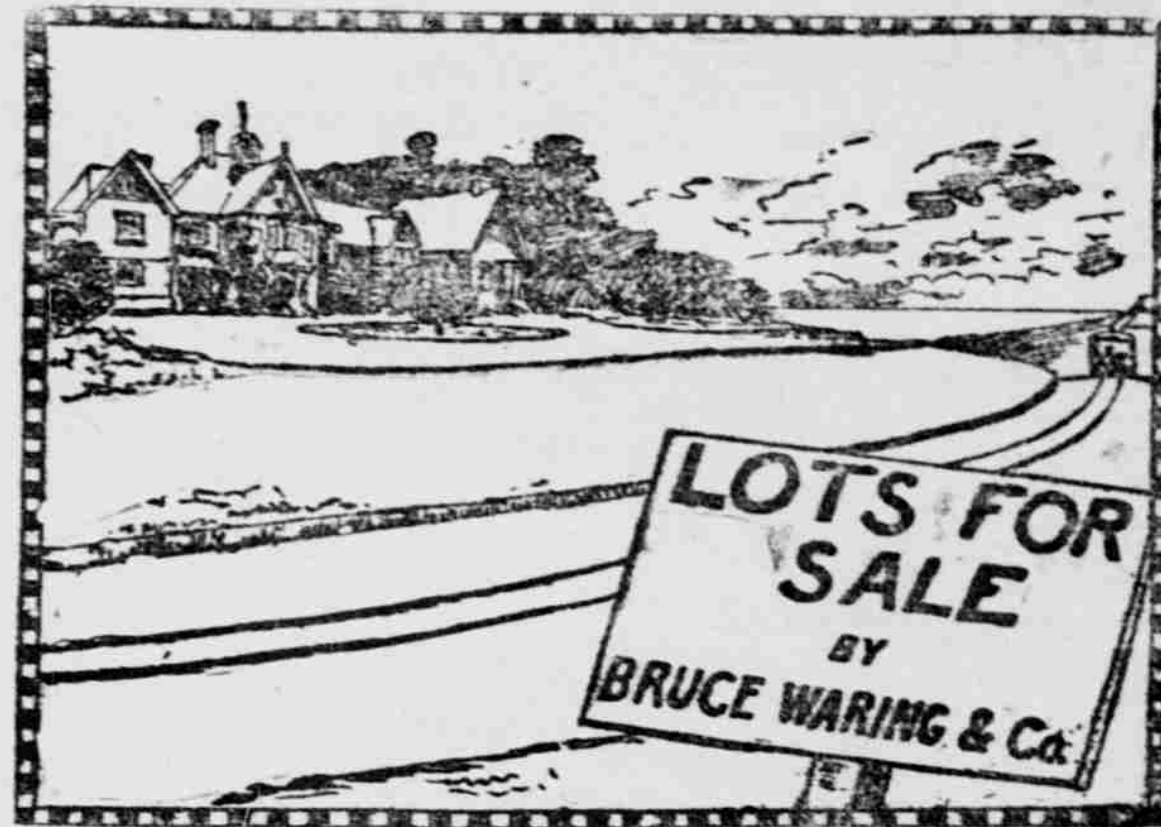
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